

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1 as follows:

[0001]       The present application is related to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/716270 (~~Attorney Docket No. 03-4012~~), entitled “Optical Ad-Hoc Networks,” and filed on a same date herewith; and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/715751 (~~Attorney Docket No. 03-4015~~), entitled “Systems and Methods for Implementing Contention-Based Optical Channel Access,” and filed on a same date herewith, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their respective entireties.